

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1-42 and 61-63 remain pending for further prosecution. Claim 26 has been amended to correct minor informalities. Claim 67 has been canceled to expedite prosecution in response to the restriction requirement. No new matters has been added.

Restriction Requirement

In the June 10, 2009 Office action, it was alleged that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentability distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-42 and 61-63; and

Group II: Claim 67.

Applicants elect without traverse the claims in Group I, which encompass claims 1-42 and 61-63. The remaining Group II claim has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicants maintain their right to pursue the subject matter of the restricted claim in a separate divisional application.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that claims 1-42 and 61-63 are in condition for allowance and action toward that is respectfully requested. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 425-8552.

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It is believed that no additional fees are due; however, should any fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from the Nixon Peabody Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247171-000381USPT.

Respectfully submitted,

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